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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafil I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafil (supererogatory) I'tikaf, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: Whoever likes this that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ be pleased with him when he appears in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he should recite Salat upon me abundantly.

(Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 2, pp. 284, Hadees 6083)

بیٹھتے، اُٹھتے، جاگتے، سوتے ہوِ الہی مرا شعار دُرود

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.*

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient & calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ اُدْكُرُوا اللَّهَ, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salaam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Intentions of delivering the Bayan

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayan) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for reaping the rewards.

2. I will deliver my speech (Bayan) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.
3. Allah ﷻ has stated in the Glorious Quran:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: ‘Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.’ (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

And the Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

‘Convey from me even if it is a single verse.’ (Sahih Bukhari, Hadees 4361)

4. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.
5. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.
6. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In’amaat and to join the ‘Ilaqa’i Daura for Nayki ki Da’wat’ (area visit for calling towards righteousness).
7. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.
8. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Made the dream come true

Dear Islamic brothers! The blessed month of Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam is showering its blessings, goodness and spiritual enlightenment. In this blessed month, the beloved Prophet of Allah ﷺ Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, with his dear son Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ has set an unique example of patience, contentment and gratitude for us.

On the eighth night of Zul-Hajj, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ dreamt that someone said, 'Indeed Allah ﷻ has ordered you to sacrifice your son.' On the ninth night of Zul-Hajj, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ had the same dream. After he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ had the same dream once again on the tenth of Zul-Hajj, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ made a firm intention of sacrificing his son. (*Tafseer Kabeer, vol. 9, pp. 346*)

Acting upon the order of Allah ﷻ, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ took his beloved son with him who was 7 (or 13 years old or a little more than that) at that time. Thereafter, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ tied his son as suggested by his own beloved son Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, made him lie on his front with his forehead placed towards the ground, sharpened his knife, looked away and drew the knife around his neck but the knife did not cut, i.e. his throat was not slit. At the very moment, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ received a Divine revelation:

وَنَادَيْنَاهُ أَنْ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ ۖ قَدْ صَدَّقْتَ الرُّءْيَا ۚ إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٠٥﴾
 إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْبَلَاءُ ۚ أَلْبَسْنَاهُ لِبَاسًا زِينَتًا ۚ وَفَدَيْنَاهُ بِذَبْحٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٠٦﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: We called to him, 'O Ibraheem! You have indeed made the dream come true; and this is how We reward the righteous ones. Indeed this was a clear test. And We rescued him in exchange of a great sacrifice as a ransom.'

(Part 23, Surah As-Saffaat, verse 104-107) (*Tafseer Khaazin, vol. 4, pp. 22*)

Introduction of the blessed Prophets

Dear Islamic brothers! This parable proves the great patience and contentment shown by Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, it also demonstrates the submission and obedience of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Can anyone slaughter his son on the basis of a dream?

Remember! Nobody is allowed to sacrifice his own or anyone else's child or any other human being just on the basis of a dream or a voice from the Ghayb (hidden). If anyone did so, he would be a great sinner, deserving the torment of hell. As for Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ being prepared to sacrifice his son on the basis of a dream, this is the truth because he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is a Prophet and the dream of a Prophet is based on Divine revelations.

In effect, it was a test for them. Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ brought a ram from Paradise which was sacrificed by Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ by the order of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in place of his beloved son.

The blessed name of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is 'Ibraheem', this word belongs to the Suryani language, it means 'أَبٌ رَحِيمٌ' (i.e., merciful father) as he was incredibly merciful to children. Moreover, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was famous for his hospitality, it is for the reason he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is called 'Ibraheem'. Some people have said that Ibraheem was 'Abram' which means 'elderly man' as he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is a father of many blessed Prophets (عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ) and great reverence and dignity is shown towards him by all the religions of the world even the polytheists of Arabia used to show respect and reverence towards him. So, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has got the famous name 'Ibraheem'. (*Tafseer-e-Na'eemi, pp. 618*)

Abu Ad-Dayfaan (extremely hospitable) is a patronymic name of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, because his house was close to the pathway, whoever passes by there, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would serve him. (*Tafseer Khaazin, pp. 434*)

Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was born at 'Soas' in 'Ahwaaz', then his father took him to 'Baabil', the State of Namrood, and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ blessed Sayyiduna

Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام with wisdom and great judgment and made him observe everything that exists in the earth and the Heavens. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says:

وَكَذَلِكَ نُرِيْ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ مَلَكُوْتِ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَلِيَكُوْنُ مِنَ الْمُؤَقِّنِيْنَ ﴿٧٥﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And likewise We showed Ibraheem the entire kingdom of the Heavens and the earth and so that he be of those who believe as eyewitnesses. (Part 7, Surah Al-An'aam, verse 75)

10 Special virtues Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

There are 10 unique virtues of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام which are specific to his blessed personality.

1. After our Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام is the greatest.
2. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام is the father of all the Prophets (عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام) who came after him.
3. Every Divinely-revealed religion has declared it obligatory to follow and obey him.
4. The followers of every religion honour him.
5. 'Sacrifice' is performed in honour of the grand sacrifice of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
6. The Hajj rites are performed in his remembrance.
7. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is the first to have built the Holy Ka'bah, making it like a house.
8. People began to stand in worship and perform prostration near the stone he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام stood on while building the Holy Ka'bah. [This stone is referred to as Maqaam-e-Ibraheem.]

9. On the Day of Judgement, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام will be the first to be bestowed with a heavenly garment. Immediately after him, our Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be blessed with this favour.
10. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and his respected wife, Sayyidatuna Sarah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, bring up the deceased Muslim children in Barzakh, i.e., the period from death to resurrection. *(Tafseer Na'eemi, vol. 1, pp. 682)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Highly exalted and the most eminent Prophet

Dear Islamic brothers! As mentioned above, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would be the first person to be given an excellent heavenly garment and then the Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. One may assume after listening to this that Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is superior to the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The bestowal of a heavenly garment to Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام before anybody else on the Day of Judgement is true, but the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is privileged to have the superiority over all others. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in Glorious Quran:

تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ كَلَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٍ^ط

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: These are the Noble Prophets, to whom We gave excellence over each other; of them are some with whom Allah spoke, and some whom He exalted high above all others.

(Part 3, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 253)

Commenting on this blessed verse, Sadr-ul-Afaadil, 'Allamah Mufti Sayyid Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَادِي has stated: The following blessed verse 'Some whom He exalted high above all others' refers to the Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as he has been exalted high and excelled in degrees of honour and status above all the blessed Prophets

عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامَةُ. The whole Muslim Ummah has consensus on this matter and it is endorsed by many blessed Ahadees. There are numerous distinguishing and distinctive characteristics and qualities in which the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ occupies unchallengeable supremacy. It is mentioned in the Glorious Quran “*Exalted high above*” which is beyond description, so now who can impose any kind of limitation.

(*Khazaain-ul-‘Irfan, part 3, Al-Baqarah, Taht-al-Ayah 253*)

Dear Islamic brothers! It is learnt that our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is superior to all even Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ who had unique characteristics, qualities and a spiritually high status by virtue of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ because the entire world and whatever is in it came into being for the sake of the Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. A’la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ says, while indicating towards this reality:

ہوتے کہاں خلیل و بنا، گعبہ و منی
تولاک والے صاحبی سب تیرے گھر کی ہے

Both the universes are created for the sake of Noble Prophet ﷺ

It means A’la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ is stating: The existence of every being is due to the blessing of the Noor (Light & Illumination) of the Renowned and Revered Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Had there not been the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ there would not have been Sayyiduna Khaleelullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, the builder of the Ka’bah, nor would the foundation of the Ka’bah been laid and nor would the activities of Mina been seen.

(*Sharh Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, pp. 585*)

So, the whole universe came into existence for the sake of the Blessed and Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the life and colour of this universe is also due to the presence of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. When the Creator (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) of the earth and Heaven intended to create the universe, He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ first when there was no genie, no human, no Lowh (Divine tablet) & Qalam (Pen of destiny), no Jannah,

no Hell, no heavenly maidens, no angel, no earth, no sky, no sun and no moon. At that time, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ created the Lowh (Divine tablet) & Qalam (Pen of destiny) and 'Arsh-o-Kursi' out of the spiritual effulgence of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and then created Jannah and Hell, earth and Heavens out of the blessed effulgence of the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. In brief! The blessed and distinguished personality of the most Renowned and Revered Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the reason for creating the whole universe as a blessed Hadees-e-Qudsi says:

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has narrated: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ revealed to Prophet Sayyiduna 'Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام that: O 'Isa (عليه السلام)! Have faith (Iman) in Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and order your Ummah to do the same. 'قُلْ لَوْ لَا مُحَمَّدٌ مَا خَلَقْتُ آدَمَ وَلَا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَا النَّارَ'. *If Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was not in existence, I would not have created Adam nor would I have made Jannah and Hell*. When I made earth on the water, it got into a state of motion, I wrote 'لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ' on it, thus, it became stationary.

(Al-Khasaais-ul-Kubra, vol. 1, pp. 14)

Another blessed Hadees-e-Qudsi states:

لَقَدْ خَلَقْتُ الدُّنْيَا وَأَهْلَهَا لِأَعْرِفَهُمْ كَرَامَتَكَ
وَمَنْزِلَتَكَ عِنْدِي وَلَوْ لَاكَ يَا مُحَمَّدُ! مَا خَلَقْتُ الدُّنْيَا

I.e. O My Beloved (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) I have created the world and all that is therein so that they may know the rank and greatness that you possess to Me. I would not have created the world if I had not created you.

(Tareekh-e-Damishq, vol. 3, pp. 518)

We have learnt that the existence of all the Blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام is also established by virtue of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the essence and aim of the creation of the universe. It is for this reason that A'la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ glorifies the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in a poetic form:

زَمِينَ وَ زَمَانَ تَهَارے لیے، مَکین و مَکَانَ تَهَارے لیے
 جُنین و جُنَانَ تَهَارے لیے، بنے دو جہاں تَهَارے لیے
 فَرِشتے خِدَم، رَسولِ حِشَم، قَمام اُمَم، غلامِ کَرَم
 وُجُود و عَدَم، حُدُوث و قَدَم، جَہاں میں عِیاں تَهَارے لیے

Explanation of these stanzas

1. O the Beloved Rasool ﷺ of the entire earth, all the ages and eras, house i.e., population, inhabitants of houses, every kind of thing & object that exists even both the universes are created for your sake.
2. O the Greatest and Holiest Prophet ﷺ, angels are ready and willing to serve you, the Blessed Prophets and Rusul عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام are your well-wishers. All Ummahs are begging for your mercy; whether they exist or do not, the universe coming into existence or permanence i.e., life or death, old or new, night or day; the creation, occurrences and actions of all these things are for your sake.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Inviting the nation towards righteousness

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has blessed Sayyiduna Ibraheem Khaleelullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام with the highest rank and status amongst all the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام after our Renowned and Revered Rasool ﷺ. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ tests His beloved and dearest bondsmen through trials and tribulations along with granting them comfort and relief and these blessed spiritual figures never complain instead they obediently exercise great patience and resilience in the face of difficult tribulations. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has also tested Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام through many trials and tribulations and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام succeeded in every test by the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The nation of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was suffering in the plague of polytheism. After the announcement of Prophethood, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام started preaching to his uncle and invited him towards righteousness, forbade him from polytheism

and propagated to testify that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the only true Deity, however this resulted in hostility and enmity against him instead of them accepting the invitation of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. This incident is mentioned in the Glorious Quran:

إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ يَا أَبَتِ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْكَ شَيْئًا ۚ
يَا أَبَتِ إِنِّي قَدْ جَاءَنِي مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَمْ يَأْتِكَ فَاتَّبِعْنِي أَهْدِكَ صِرَاطًا سَوِيًّا ﴿٣٣﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: When he said to his father¹, 'O my father - why do you worship one which neither hears nor sees, and cannot benefit you in any way? O my father, indeed a knowledge has come to me which did not come to you - therefore follow me, I will show you the Straight Path.'

Dear Islamic brothers! In the abovementioned blessed verse, the uncle of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has been interpreted as his father; commenting on this, Sadr-ul-Afadi, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Sayyid Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَادِي has stated: The dictionary 'Qamoos' mentions the name of Azar as the uncle of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti Shaafi'i (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ) has also mentioned this in Masalik-ul-Hunafa. In all countries especially in Arabia, the uncle represents the father. It is stated in the Glorious Quran:

تَعْبُدُ إِلَهَكَ وَالِلَّهِ أَبَاكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَاسْمَعِيلَ وَاسْتَقَى إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا ۚ

(Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 133)

In this blessed verse Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has been mentioned as the father of Sayyiduna Yaqoob (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) whereas he is his 'عَم' (i.e., uncle).

(Khazaain-ul-'Irfan, pp. 261)

¹ His uncle Azar

In brief, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام did his best to make his uncle understand but he was not ready to abandon the religion of his forefathers and responded in a very harsh way, which the Glorious Quran describes in these words:

قَالَ أَرَأَيْبُ أَنْتَ عَنْ إِلَهِي يَا بَرِّهِمْ
لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَهِ لَأَرْجُفَنَّكَ وَأَهْجُرَنِي مَلِيًّا

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: He said, 'What! You turn away from my gods, O Ibraheem? If you do not desist, I will certainly stone you, and keep no relation with me for a long while.' (Part 16, Surah Maryam, verse 46)

Fire was made cool and peaceful

Upon seeing the blunt refusal and hate of his uncle, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام began preaching to his nation, they also refused to accept his truthful word but he عليه السلام persisted and continued calling them towards righteousness in order to steer them away from the dark valleys of polytheism and disbelief but they did not stop, therefore, they turned against him and they also became his enemies, saying:

قَالُوا اقْتُلُوهُ أَوْ حَرِّقُوهُ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: They said, 'Kill him or burn him.'

(Part 20, Surah Al-'Ankaboot, verse 24)

Commenting on the abovementioned blessed verse, Sadr-ul-Afadil, Mufti Sayyid Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi عليه رحمه الله الهادي has stated: Namrood and his nation agreed to burn Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام, they imprisoned him in a house, built a building in Qaryah Kawsa, gathered various kind of fire woods for an entire month, a huge and terrible fire was lit and it generated so much of heat that it would burn birds flying nearby. Sayyiduna Ibraheem's hands were tied, using a catapult, they threw Ibraheem عليه السلام

into the fire, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was reciting 'حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ'.

Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the esteemed angel, descended to Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and humbly asked him if he needed his help. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, 'I am not in need of you'; then Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said, 'Then request your Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ'. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام answered, 'His knowledge about me suffices me than seeking help.'

(Khazaain-ul-'Irfan, part 17, Al-Anbiya, Taht-al-Ayah 68)

Thereupon, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ ordered the fire.

يَا نَارُ كُونِي بَرْدًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿٦٩﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: We said, 'O fire, become cool and peaceful upon Ibraheem.' (Part 17, Surah Al-Anbiya, verse 69)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Patience in tribulation

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen! The unwavering determination, remarkable courage and great patience & fortitude demonstrated by Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in response to calling his nation towards the true religion. Firstly his family turned against him, then the whole nation became his enemy but he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not abandon inviting people towards righteousness in the face of bitter opposition even after they decided to throw him into the fierce fire but he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not wish to surrender to them, rather he set a supreme example of patience and fortitude when Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came and asked if he needed any help, but look at his patience and steadfastness that he became a paradigm of patience and contentment even at that most critical time.

The abovementioned parable is also a lesson for those Islamic brothers who keep complaining and express resentment while calling people towards righteousness. Remember! Preaching of the Deen is a Sunnah of the Blessed

Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ and exercising patience in this way is the method of these blessed and prominent personalities. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ tests His Blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ and blessed saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ blesses them with an abundance of rewards and elevates their status and ranks over showing patience in tribulations. We should also have patience and fortitude whenever we undergo trials and tribulations for the sake of Divine pleasure. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ by the blessings of this, we will receive an immense treasure of rewards. Let's listen to two blessed Ahadees in this connection:

1. Whoever observes patience upon a calamity until it is returned, observing excellent patience, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will write three hundred degrees for him. The distance between each degree will be equal to the distance between the earth and the sky. *(Al-Jami'-'us-Sagheer, pp. 317, Hadees 5137)*
2. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ afflicts a bondsman with trouble until that trouble removes all his sins. *(Al-Mustadrak, Hadees 1326)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Test of true devotion

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna Ibraheem's son, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was born in Syria to Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَحِمَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. A Divine revelation was revealed to Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ to take Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَحِمَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and leave them in such a land where there is no sign of water and nothing else except plain fields and dry mountains.

Therefore, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ left with Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَحِمَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and his son Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and came to the place where the sacred Ka'bah is situated today. At that time, there was no population there nor was any spring of water and nor was there any sign of water or human beings in all directions. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ placed some dates in a pot and filled a water carrying bag with water and departed from there. Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَحِمَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا called out, 'O Prophet, where

are you going leaving us helpless in this lonely and desolate desert?’ Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا called out many times but he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not reply. In the end, Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا asked, ‘Are you leaving us here at your own will or are you fulfilling the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by doing so?’ Then he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, ‘O Haajirah! Whatever I have done is the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.’ After hearing this, Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا said, ‘You may leave now. I have a firm belief and faith that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will not let me or my son get harmed.’

After this, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام made a long Du’a and returned to Syria. After a few days, when the dates and water ran out, extreme hunger and thirst struck Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. The milk in her chest had also dried out and her son was suffering due to hunger and thirst. She ran between the hills of Safa and Marwah seven times in search for water but there was no sign of water anywhere. Moreover, the condition of Sayyiduna Isma’eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was such that due to terrible thirst, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was weeping bitterly and rubbing his blessed heels on the ground. Sayyiduna Jibrael عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام struck his foot near Sayyiduna Isma’eel’s heels and a spring of water gushed forth. The speciality of this blessed water is that it works as both food and water. Therefore, by drinking the water of Zamzam, Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and Sayyiduna Isma’eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام survived.

Sayyiduna Isma’eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام grew up, reached the age of puberty and started hunting. Thus hunting and the water of Zamzam became the means of their living. Then some people of the tribe of Jurhum arrived there grazing their goats and seeing the spring of water, they started living there with the permission of Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا. Furthermore, Sayyiduna Isma’eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام married a woman of that tribe and with the passage of time, this valley became populated.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Unique obedience and submission

Dear Islamic brothers! We have learnt through the abovementioned parable that Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was very submissive and obedient to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and his beloved son 'Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام that was born after immense prayers, was the light of his eyes and peace of his heart. Naturally, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام could not have separated his beloved son from himself but for the sake of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام left them at that deserted and isolated place where there was neither a single leaf of any tree for shade nor a single drop of water for quenching the thirst, neither any helper or friend nor any sympathiser or consoler. If any of us had been there, just the idea of doing something like this would have grief stricken our hearts. But, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام neither grew anxious, nor did he fall into distress and nor delved deeper into contemplation after listening to the Divine command, rather he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, along with his family, embarked to Makkah from Syria and leaving his family in Makkah behind, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام returned to Syria. **اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ!** May our lives be sacrificed over such a unique submission and deeply loving obedience!

If only! We also become the travellers of Madani Qafilah in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with the lovers of the beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, not for years and months, simply only for three days, separating ourselves from our beloved ones for the sake of propagating and publicising Islam, learning and teaching the Sunnah and calling people towards righteousness. Take sane, sensible and mature children with you to the weekly congregation and persuade your children to act upon the Sunnah, growing a beard and other virtuous deeds.

ہر کسی کو دُوں نیکی کی دعوت

یا خُدا تجھ سے میری دُعا ہے

سُنّتوں کی کروں خُوب خِدمت

نیک میں بھی بنوں اِلْتِجا ہے

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Pleased with Divine pleasure

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام led a life full of sacrifices. Whenever he عليه السلام received a Divine command, he عليه السلام, underwent a lot of opposition from his nation and family, sometimes, upon calling them towards righteousness and sometimes due to preventing them from polytheism, he sometimes conveyed the true message of the Oneness of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ to the ruler, he was thrown into the fire by his nation, he عليه السلام left his infant son alone along with its mother in a deserted and desolated plain (no vegetation and shade) without any worldly support, carrying out the Divine command and he عليه السلام did not avoid drawing the knife around the soft neck of his beloved son. In brief, his blessed life is fully overwhelmed with true submission towards Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and many sacrifices. Every part of his blessed life history provides a lesson of being pleased with Divine pleasure. Being pleased with Divine pleasure in every state by Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام is a great quality. If only we also lead a life full of obedience towards Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام was even prepared to sacrifice his beloved son. If only we spend some of our time in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and propagate Madani activities and the Madani In'amaat along with travelling in a Madani Qafilah with heart and soul.

We have also learnt this lesson through the blessed biography of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام that no matter how tough and severe a difficulty we face, we should face it with great patience and gratitude leading a life under Divine pleasure. For instance! If we experience any calamity, still, instead of only complaining, simply focus on the great rewards. We are extraordinarily privileged and blessed without even asking, we have been given so much blessings after blessings, we continue to be showered with gifts in every moment of every day. They come to us in a continuous flow, never ending and never ceasing. There is food to eat, clothes to cover our bodies and protect us from the elements, a roof over our heads, friends and companions to remove our loneliness, light to see, darkness to help us rest and sleep, air to breathe and children to fill our hearts with delight. Each blessing is more wonderful than the other. And they all come from a single source, from the One Who created

us. Everything that we have, whether it be within ourselves or in the world comes from Him. The blessings are too many to count. Allah ﷻ says:

وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا ط

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And if you count the favours of Allah, you will never be able to count them. (Part 13, Surah Ibraheem, verse 34)

Dear Islamic brothers! Undoubtedly, no one can disassociate and disconnect himself from the favours and blessings of his Creator and Owner Rab ﷻ even for a single moment. Therefore, if anybody undergoes any calamity or is deprived of any blessing should not express words of ingratitude, still, other innumerable blessing are always around us; so, the wise and sensible is only that person who exercises patience and fortitude at tough moments of life and face adverse situation with steadfastness for the sake of Divine pleasure. إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ﷻ by the blessing of it, we will have huge treasure of reward and favour. Listen two blessed sayings of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

1. No calamity, nor distress, nor sorrow, nor sadness, nor anxiety, befalls a Muslim, even if it were the prick of a thorn, but that Allah ﷻ expiates his sins for that. (Sahih Bukhari, pp. 3, vol. 4, Hadees 5640)
2. An announcement will be made on the Day of Judgement: Who is that person, who wants to get back his loan from Allah ﷻ? Creation will say: Who is such a person that has lent Allah ﷻ? The Angels would reply: The one who was afflicted with such a calamity which made him sad, he shed tears but he had patience in the hope of reward for the sake of the pleasure of Allah ﷻ, he must stand and take his reward.

(Naykiyaun ki Jaza-ayn aur Gunahaun ki Saza-ayn, pp. 63)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Importance of sacrifice

Dear Islamic brothers! We should also try to cultivate the habits of patience and gratitude and one of the best sources of developing these characteristics is to study the biographies and characters of our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى. When we would go through the blessed life history of the blessed saints and pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى, إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, our lives will also be filled with fragrance by their Madani fragrant character. Today, we have heard about Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام devoted his entire life in absolute obedience and submission to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام practically demonstrated true sacrifice of all of his resources such as life, health and possessions with full devotion in order to fulfil Divine commands, he did not even refrain from sacrificing his beloved son. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ loved this beautiful act of sacrifice so much that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ commanded the whole Muslim Ummah to sacrifice animals following the beautiful Sunnah of Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.

As a result, Qurbani is Wajib for every sane adult Muslim, Muqem (resident), male and female owner of Nisaab. (*'Alamgiri, vol. 5, pp. 292*) An owner of Nisaab is one who possesses 52.5 Tolas¹ of silver or money or goods or other things equivalent to 52.5 Tolas of silver (excluding the basic necessities of life). Furthermore, he should not owe so much debt to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ or to people that he may no longer remain the owner of Nisaab in case of paying the debt.

Islamic jurists have stated that the basic essentials of life are such things people normally need and without them they may face severe hardships and problems such as a house for living, clothes for wearing, vehicle, Islamic books and tools relating to one's occupation etc. (*Al-Hidayah, vol. 1, pp. 96*)

The excellences and virtues of sacrifice have been mentioned in so many blessed Ahadees, let's listen to just 2 blessed sayings of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

¹ One Tola is equivalent to 11.664 grams.

1. Sayyiduna Zayd Bin Arqam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated, the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: O Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, what are these sacrifices?' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'The Sunnah of your father Ibraheem (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام).' They said, 'What is the reward for us in them, O Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ?' The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'For every hair, one virtue.' They humbly said, 'What about wool?' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'For every hair of wool, one virtue.' (*Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 3, pp. 531, Raqm 3127*)
2. Another blessed Hadees states: O people! Perform sacrifice with a happy heart and have the hope of Divine reward in the blood though it is spilt because it is spilt in Allah's protection.

(*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 6, pp. 148, Hadees 8319*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember! The person on whom Qurbani is Wajib according to the Shar'i order, it is obligatory upon him to learn the basic rulings and seek guidance about sacrificing an animal. At present! Being turned away from Islamic teachings and drifting farther and farther away, Muslims do not perform this obligatory act as it should be performed. A number of people of our society who, being ignorant of Islamic teachings, sacrifice one goat on behalf of all family members who individually own sufficient means; how should a sacrificial animal be? What are the major faults and defects which invalidate the Qurbani? Such poor people remain unaware that they had to act upon Sunnat-e-Ibraheemi or are in vain hopes though it is still due upon them to perform it. Therefore, knowing the rulings and laws of Qurbani are of great importance. Reading through the 52-page booklet '*Piebald Horse Rider*' authored by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyaae دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ is very beneficial and productive. Every Islamic brother should read it at least once before sacrificing his animal. اِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ it will bring about immense treasure of 'Ilm-e-Deen (Islamic knowledge) and he will be aware of many rulings about Qurbani. For further information about Qurbani, read '*Bahar-e-Shari'at*' volume 3, part 15, a publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah or contact Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat.

Donate animal skins to Dawat-e-Islami

Dear Islamic brothers! In today's predominantly evil and sinful era, اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, over 97 departments, under Dawat-e-Islami, are actively serving in propagating the Sunan, the publication of 'Ilm-e-Deen and for calling towards righteousness. Monthly, millions of rupees are required to run all these departments efficiently. We should also try to collect animal skins from our house, relatives and from various areas visiting them along with the people of the locality, introducing Dawat-e-Islami to them in order to promote and propagate the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami and persuade our dear ones and relatives to take part in the Madani activities by donating their animal skins to Dawat-e-Islami. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ privilege us to act upon this.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! Today, we have received Madani pears and heard about the sacrifices made by Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام devoted his entire life in absolute obedience and submission to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and from time to time he was tested with trials and tribulation but he always chose patience and gratefulness under the Divine pleasure and never complained nor uttered a single word of dislike. We should also lead our lives obeying Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and following the Sunnah of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in every matter and condition as well as express gratitude to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for receiving blessings and favours and have patience in the times of trials and tribulations, then اِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ we shall have privileges in both worlds.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Introduction of Majlis Mazaraat-e-Awliya

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, founder of Dawat-e-Islami دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ has always delivered the teachings of respecting the Awliya of Allah to every Islamic brother and sister who belongs to this non-political movement Dawat-e-Islami, which resulted in the introduction of Majlis Mazaraat-e-Awliya, an important department of Dawat-e-Islami. This Majlis carries out various Deeni works by visiting the blessed shrines of saints رَحْمَتُهُمُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی, for example, on the occasion of an 'Urs, Islamic brothers of this Majlis host Ijtima' Zikr-o-Na'at, make Qafilahs stay in the Masjid near to the blessed shrine and they specially hold Madani Halqahs in the courtyard of the blessed shrine during the 'Urs, in which the method of Wudu, Ghusl, Tayammum, Salah, Isal-e-Sawaab etc. as well as the manners of visiting the blessed shrine and the Sunan of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم are taught; besides that, people are convinced to attend the Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima' of Dawat-e-Islami, travel in Qafilahs and to practice upon Madani In'amaat cards.

During the 'Urs, immense Isal-e-Sawaab is donated to the blessed saint رَحْمَتُهُمُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی of that Mazaar. Custodians, Mutawwalis, and Sajjadah Nasheens etc. are visited from time to time and they are informed about the services of Dawat-e-Islami, Jami'a-tul-Madinah, Madaris-ul-Madinah and Madani activities and efforts in overseas countries. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grant Dawat-e-Islami progress by leaps and bounds.

اللہ کرم ایسا کرے تجھ پہ جہاں میں اے دعوتِ اسلامی تیری دھوم مچی ہو !

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Take part in the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! Keep associating yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and take part in the 12 Madani activities of the Zayli Halqahs. Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighan (adult Islamic brothers) is also one of the 12 Madani Zayli activities in which free education of the Glorious Quran is provided and learning and teaching the Quran is considered as one of the greatest and noblest acts.

A’la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ has stated, ‘Without doubt, to learn enough Tajweed that one is able to correctly pronounce every letter¹ and save himself from mistakes in recitation is Fard-e-‘Ayn [compulsory for every individual].’ (*Fatawa Razawiyyah – referenced, vol. 6, pp. 343*)

Sayyiduna ‘Usman-e-Ghani رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated, the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: ‘خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ’ *The Best Amongst you is the one who learnt the [Glorious] Quran and taught others.*

(*Sahih Bukhari, Fadaail-ul-Quran, Hadees 5027*)

Sayyiduna Abu ‘Abdur Rahman Sulami رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ used to teach the Holy Quran in the Masjid and he would say, ‘This Hadees has made me sit here.’ (*Fayd-ul-Qadeer, vol. 3, pp. 618, Hadees 3983*)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! From the platform of Dawat-e-Islami – the global non-political movement for propagation of the Quran and Sunnah – countless institutions have been established in various countries across the world, under the name of Madrasa-tul-Madinah.

At the time of writing this, in Pakistan, there are 50,000 boys and girls being taught the recitation and memorization of the Holy Quran for free in these Madaris. Additionally, classes for adults who wish to learn the correct pronunciations of the Holy Quran, under the name of Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adults) have also been established in innumerable Masajid and at other locations. In these classes, people who remain busy with work and other activities throughout the day are taught the correct way to recite the Glorious Quran and various Du’as [supplications] and Sunan, usually after Salat-ul-‘Isha for approximately 40 minutes. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Similar institutions, with the same name, have also been established for Islamic sisters.

¹ That is to articulate all of the Quranic letters from their correct point of articulation according to the principles of Tajweed.

Madani parable

An Islamic brother of Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi has stated: Which sins of mine should I mention! Allah ﷺ forbid, not offering Salah, playing computer games, watching obscene programmes on television every day, lying and even stealing were some of the sins I used to bravely commit.

Luckily, in the last ten days of Ramadan in 1421 A.H. 2000, I was blessed with the privilege of taking part in the congregational I'tikaf with some lovers of the beloved Rasool ﷺ of Dawat-e-Islami in Jami' Masjid Aaminah, situated in Shakeel Garden, Aukhai complex, Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi. After the congregational I'tikaf, I joined the Madrasa-tul-Madinah that was held on the second floor of Aaminah Masjid.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ ﷺ! I began to attend the weekly Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima' of Dawat-e-Islami which was held in Faizan-e-Madinah. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ ﷺ! As a result of my efforts, a Madani atmosphere has been created in my home. I play the cassettes of Sunnah-Inspiring speeches released by Maktaba-tul-Madinah at home. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ ﷺ! I have memorised the entire Holy Quran and I'm currently doing Dars-e-Nizami in Jami'a-tul-Madinah. I also teach in Madrasa-tul-Madinah and I am trying to spread the Madani work of Dawat-e-Islami under the guidance of the Nigran of my Zayli Mushawarat.



Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I will take this opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah ﷺ has said, 'He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.'

(Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

جَنَّتْ مِیْنِ پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

سینہ تری سُنَّتْ کا مدینہ بنے آقا

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰی الْحَبِیْبِ

Sunnah and etiquettes of Travelling

Dear Islamic brothers! Most of the time we travel from place to place. We should try to learn all of the Sunan and etiquettes of travelling in order to act upon them and earn rewards:

3. If possible start your journey on a Thursday because it is a Sunnah to start a journey on a Thursday. *(Ashi'a-tul-Lam'aat, vol. 5, pp. 161)*
4. If it is possible to travel at night then one should travel at night because the journey is completed faster.
5. If there are many Islamic brothers travelling together, then make one the leader (Ameer).
6. Upon leaving for the journey, ask pardon of any faults from friends, family; and whoever asks to be forgiven, he should be forgiven.
(Bahar-e-Shari'at, pp. 19, vol. 6)
7. While wearing clothes that you will travel in, and if it is not a Makruh time, whosoever offers 4 Rak'aat Nafl with 'الْحَمْدُ وَقُلْ' then leaves home, those Rak'aat will protect his family and wealth.
8. Whenever we leave on a journey, we should entrust the family and wealth to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Without doubt Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the best Protector. If possible one should say the following words to the family:

أَسْتَوِدِعُكَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا يُضِيعُ وَدَائِعَهُ

Translation: I put you in Allah's protection who doesn't waste given debts. *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 3, pp. 372, Hadees 2825)*

9. The Islamic brothers who travel for business should read the following 5 Surahs of the Holy Quran:

- a. قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ: Till the end
- b. إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ: Till the end
- c. قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ: Till the end
- d. قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ: Till the end
- e. قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ: Till the end

To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Adaab*, comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet.

مجھ کو جذبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پروردگار سُنّتوں کی تربیت کے قافلے میں بار بار

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
اَلْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى اٰلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet ﷺ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (Afzal-us-Salawaat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadaat, pp. 151)

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ has stated, ‘Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.’ (ibid, pp. 65)

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. (Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’, pp. 277)

4. The reward of 600,000 Salawaat-‘Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةٍ دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَادِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afzal-us-Salawaat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.’ (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’*, pp. 125)

6. Durood-e-Shafa’at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانْزِلْهُ الْبُقْعَةَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(*Attargheeb Wattarheeb*, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.’

(*Majma’-uz-Zawaid*, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيم' and 'كَرِيم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.